Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Has the amount been collected ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Nemmara Sub-division Coupes.

324. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) why was the contract for the removal of fuel and the resulted timber from fuel coupes in Nemmara sub-division sold or put up for tender instead of by public auction;

(2) were there not in previous years petitioners to the effect that they will take up these Nemmara Fuel Coupes contracts;

(3) how many cart-loads of fuel were removed from the Pothundy and Naranganpara coupes by the contractors and paid for in the year 1103;

(4) how many candies of timber in each of the species were cut and removed from the above referred 2 coupes and paid for in the year 1103;

(5) list of the trees marked for felling in each of the above coupes in 1103; and the approximate quantity of timber estimated;

(6) if the estimated quantity of fuel was not removed by the contractors, why the same was not done;

(7) what is the rate per candy realised by the Government for each species of the timber removed from the coupe; will the Government be more benefitted by selling the same in public auction when there are other petitioners;

(8) were not similar contracts for extraction of marked trees in other places put up for auction, namely, Vellani, Kurisumudi, and has the Government benefitted by this; what was the original amount estimated and what is the amount realised in each case ;

(9) the reasons prompting the Conservator of Forests to put up these Nemmara sub-division coupes alone for tender in spite of many petitions and complaints against the present contractors ;

(10) has not the timber collection from the Nemmara sub-division coupes by the previous contractors been left unmeasured up till now, and if so, how many logs are there; the reasons for not measuring the same ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1)Sales in general used to be effected by either of these 2 systems as per Art. 111 (2) of Cochin Forest Code and tender system was adopted in this as it was best suited to this particular sale.

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(2) Yes.

(3) a. Pothundy coupe 1620 cart-loads.
b. Naranganpara 810 cart-loads.

(4) a. *Pothundy coupe.*

1	Koranguchady	Cds.	7	3	23	5
2	Pullamarudu	,,	62	0	18	12¾
3	Irul	,,	26	19	15	1¾
4	Venteak	,,	68	10	11	12¼
5	Veembu	,,	57	12	14	1½
6	Koramarudu	,,	14	1	0	2
7	Venga	,,	8	23	8	9
8	Kavalam	,,	2	15	6	12
9	Karuvaga	,,	10	4	16	9¾
10	Thani	,,	2	18	5	13
11	Chadachi	,,	66	17	12	2½
12	Teak logs	,,	897	6	16	10½
13	Rose-wood do.	,,	33	3	22	11
14	Teak toplings	,,	19	10	13	15½
15	Rose-wood do.	,,	0	8	6	4

b. *Naranganpara coupe.*

1	Venteak	Cds.	99	1	13	15¾
2	Chadachi	,,	245	17	8	4¾
3	Kunnivaka	,,	7	17	0	4
4	Irul	,,	27	2	19	12¾
5	Koramarudu	,,	8	17	2	13
6	Vetamkorana	,,	3	0	15	3
7	Pullamarudu	,,	28	20	16	6½
8	Veembu	,,	11	16	3	2¾
9	Kyni	,,	13	13	19	7¾
10	Venga	,,	11	12	9	8½
11	Adamba	,,	7	17	7	9½
12	Annakara	,,	0	12	6	0
13	Malaveppu	,,	3	0	6	0
14	Poovam	,,	1	9	8	0
15	Thanni	,,	21	17	4	4
16	Teak logs	,,	304	6	5	4
17	Rose-wood logs	,,	0	18	16	0
18	Teak toplings	,,	107	7	3	15
19	Rose-wood logs	,,	0	15	11	15½

(5) *Pothundy coupes.*

1	Chadachi	134
2	Irul	79
3	Veembu	56
4	Marudu	98

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5	Punna	30
6	Venteak	81
7	Teak	626
8	Chankazhani	1
9	Rose-wood	52
10	Koramarudu	14
11	Oda	9
12	Veppu	3
13	Kannanvaga	22
14	Pathiri	1
15	Poovam	2
16	Kanakam	1
17	Kyni	1
18	Kavalom	1
19	Venga	11
20	Elavu	1
21	Adamba	1
	Total	1224

The quantity had not been estimated.

Navangampara coupe.

1	Irul	49
2	Chadachi	202
3	Teak	599
4	Venteak	58
5	Gnama	1
6	Koramarudu	7
7	Kunnivaga	38
8	Veppu	1
9	Vetonkorana	3
10	Elavu	9
11	Pullamarudu	23
12	Kyni	7
13	Kanakam	2
14	Karuvaga	2
15	Veembu	16
16	Ampazhom	1
17	Venga	19
18	Cheeni	1
19	Annakara	2
20	Kazhani	3
21	Rose-wood	7
22	Adambu	3
23	Punna	3
24	Thani	1
	Total	1,057

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(6) The quantity had not been estimated. There was no demand from the public but the contracted quantity was paid for.

(7) For teak logs Rs. 14 per candy
Rose-wood do 16 do
Teak toplings 7 do
Rose-wood do 8 do

and notified seigniorage rates for jungle-wood timbers. Not probable after paying the collection charges of these logs.

Vellani.—(8) Yes.

This is yet to be seen as the Vellani contract is still hanging fire.

In Villani the estimated original amount was Rs. 21,800 and the amount realised in auction was Rs. 38,010.

Kurisumudi.— (a) Yes.
(b) No.
(c) Estimated amount Rs. 11,050.

Realised in auction Rs. 11,150.

This was not confirmed by the Diwan. Subsequenty the growth was sold by tender by which an amount of Rs. 17,860 was realised.

(9) It is not the Nemmara coupes alone that were put up for tender.

(10) Yes. 968 logs and toplings in Pothundy coupe and 1681 logs and toplings in Naranganpara or 2649 logs and toplings of all species together.

The matter is under correspondence.

325. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) why was the contract for the removal of fuel and the resulted timber from fuel coupes in Nemmara Sub-division sold or put up for tender instead of by public auction;

(2) were there not in previous years petitions to the effect that this contract could be taken up by the petitioners, if offered ;

(3) how many cart-loads of fuel were removed by the contractors and paid for in the year 1103 ;

(4) how many candies of timber in each of the species were cut and removed and paid for in the coupes in 1103 :

(5) the list of tree marked for felling in each of the coupes in 1103 and the approximate quantity of timber estimated ;

(6) if the estimated quantity of fuel or timber was not removed by the contractors, why the same was not done ;

(7) the rate per candy for timber realised by the Government ;

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(8) were not similar contracts for extraction of marked trees in other places put up for auction, namely, Vellani, Kurisumudi, etc., and what was the rate per candy realised by the Government there ;

(9) the reason prompting the Conservator of Forests to put up this monopoly alone for tender in spite of many petitions and complaints ;

(10) has not the timber collected by the previous contractors been left unmeasured up till now ; if so, the reasons for the same ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 324.

Sale of Saplings.

326. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of saplings sold in acution in 1103 from the Palappali teak plantations and the amount realised by the sale;

(b) for the collection of how many saplings were tenders called for ;

(c) (i) were 207 teak saplings sold at 2 annas each and were tenders invited for its collection and sale ; (ii) what was the amount spent for the collection of the same ;

(d) the total number of saplings of the nature referred to in (c) above, collected and sold without tenders in 1103 in Palappalli and the names of the persons purchased and the collection charges for each set ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) 2,228 saplings were sold in auction for Rs. 13,858.

(b) For 2,192 saplings.

(c) (i) No. (ii) Nil.

(d) 161 discarded saplings. These discarded saplings were below 3 vannams and which were felled and left at the stumps were sold to the felling contractor K. Govindan Nayar at Re. 0—2—0 each. No collection charges were paid for the above 161 saplings.

Areas for Plantation.

327. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) are there any areas selected for plantation in the current year to be planted departmentally or by contractors, and if so, under what conditions and terms ;

(2) whether any petitions have been received from persons for giving them areas for plantation in Palappalli side, if so, from whom all ;

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